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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of June 11, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 11, 2002. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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